GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL ANIMAL RESOURCE FACILITY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up National Animal Resource facility for Bio-Medical Research at Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the present status; and

(c) the benefits that are likely to accrue as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir, A concept proposal for establishment of National Animal Resource facility for Bio-Medical Research at Hyderabad at a cost of Rs.244.341 crores was examined and referred to Planning Commission, which has given its in-principal approval. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) accordingly has been asked to initiate action for setting up the facility.

(c) The proposed facility would cater to the basic requirements of Bio-Medical Research relating to availability of high quality animals for Research/Development/Discovery of new safer molecules which demand different species of animals. Presently we have a very few small animal houses for the purpose and the proposed facility would immensely augment the position.